



July 17, 2018

ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE HALT TO FORMER EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT'S PARTING GIFT TO POLLUTERS

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan, a coalition of 12 attorneys general, the California Air Resources Board, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection submitted a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) demanding the immediate withdrawal of an order issued on former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's final day in office. The order effectively suspends enforcement of a manufacturing cap aimed at limiting the number of highly polluting trucks on the nation's roads.

In a memo dated July 6, Pruitt's last day at the agency, the EPA announced it would take no action to enforce the 2016 Glider Rule's annual manufacturing cap of 300 so-called "gliders" per company. Gliders are new, heavy-duty truck bodies outfitted with refurbished or rebuilt pre-2010 engines that are highly polluting and linked to asthma, low birth weight, infant mortality and lung cancer. The Glider Rule mandated that these engines meet the same emissions standards applied to all newly manufactured engines to reduce pollution.

Madigan and the coalition said in their [letter](#) that the EPA's order will allow companies to buy more glider trucks, which produce 20 to 40 times more emissions of hazardous pollutants than new, more fuel efficient trucks, when the rest of the trucking industry has already made substantial investments to comply with stringent emissions standards. Those industries now face an uneven playing field against unregulated glider manufacturers.

"The EPA's action rolls back regulations to protect the public and the environment," Madigan said. "The EPA must follow through with enforcing caps that limit the numbers of high-polluting trucks on our roads."

Joining Madigan in submitting the letter were the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Washington. The California Air Resources Board and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection also joined the coalition.

-30-

[Return to July 2018 Press Releases](#)

